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SUBJ: EXIMBANK FINANCING FOR ZELEZARNA JESENICE

1. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EXIMBANK HAS AUTHORIZED AN DOLS 11 MILLION CREDIT TO ZELEZARNA JESENICE TO FINANCE 45 PERCENT OF THE COST OF A COLD ROLLING MILL.

2. TERMS CALL FOR THE BORROWER TO MAKE A CASH PAYMENT OF 10 PERCENT OF THE COST OR DOLS 2,440,000. THE BALANCE OF 45 PERCENT OR DOLS 11 MILLION WILL BE EXTENDED BY A CONSORTIUM OF BANKS LED BY PITTSBURGH NATIONAL BANK WHICH WILL INCLUDE A DOLS 3 MILLION PARTICIPATION BY PRIVATE EXPORT FUNDING CORPORATION, AND WILL BE GUARANTEED BY EXIMBANK. REPAYMENT TO BE MADE SEMIANNUALLY OVER A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 5, 1977. IN ADDITION, EXIMBANK WILL GUARANTEE PITTSBURGH NATIONAL BANK'S EURODOLLAR LOAN TO COVER LOCAL COSTS IN THE AMOUNT OF DOLS 3.7 MILLION TO BE REPAYED IN FIVE YEARS BEGINNING JUNE 30, 1977.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY ADVISE BOGOMIL HOMOVIC OF ZELEZARNA JESENICE

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OF THIS ACTION, WHICH WILL BE DETAILED IN LETTER TO ZELEZARNA JESENICE. FURTHER ADVISE BORROWER NEWS RELEASE INCLUDING ABOVE

DETAILS SCHEDULED FOR ANNOUNCEMENT HERE NEXT TWO WEEKS UNLESS
EMBASSY OR BORROWER STATE OBJECTIONS. EMBASSY WILL BE PROVIDED
FINAL TEXT OF RELEASE PRIOR TO WASHINGTON RELEASE.

4. OTHER THAN DISCUSSION WITH BORROWER, REQUEST ABOVE INFORMATION
BE WITHHELD PRIOR TO SUBJECT PRESS RELEASE. KISSINGER

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